(1997-98) of the Ministry of Home Affairs;

(2) Thrity-eighth Report on the Demands for Grants (1997-98) of the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions; and

(3) Thirty-ninth Report on the Demands for Grants (1997-98) of the Ministry of Law and Justice.

11.15 hrs.

[English]

BUSINESS OF THE HOUSE

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRI SRIKANTA JENA) : Sir, with your permission, I rise to announce that Government Business during the week commencing Monday, the 5th May, 1997 will consist of :

1. Consideration of any, item of Government Business carried over from today's Order Paper.
2. Discussion and voting on the Demands for Grants under the control of the Ministry of :
   (i) Coal
   (ii) Non-conventional Energy Sources
   (iii) Power
   (iv) Atomic Energy
3. Submission to the vote of the House outstanding Demands for Grants in respect of Budget (General) for 1997-98 at 6.00 p.m. on Tuesday, the 6th May, 1997.
4. Consideration and passing of the Finance Bill, 1997.

[Translation]

SHRI NAND KUMAR SAI (Raigarh) Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the agenda for the next week :

(1) The Raigarh-Ranchi road which links Madhya Pradesh and Bihar and passes through the tribal dominated areas of both the states, is in quite dilapidated condition. It is essential to be repaired and included into national highways.

(2) Public Distribution System in Raigarh district of Madhya Pradesh has failed poor people are not getting ration, kerosene and other essential commodities. The Government of India should take initiatives to revamp the distribution system.

[English]

SHRI P.C. THOMAS (Muvattupuzha) : Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) Need to give financial assistance for procurement of rubber in order to help the rubber growers.

(2) Settlement of the issue of wages of nearly 70,000 employees of FCI.

SHRI CHITTA BASU (Barasat) : Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) Media policy, with particular reference to foreign equity participation.

(2) Unchecked price rise, with particular reference to oil prices.

SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI (Deogarh) : Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) Discussion on the revival of sick public sector fertiliser plants.

(2) Discussion on the functioning of the three wings of our democratic system : the Executive, the Judiciary and the Legislature, as well as mutual relationship among them.

[Translation]

SHRI SHIVRAJ SINGH (Vidisha) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

1. The power crisis is increasing day by day in the country especially in Mayhya Pradesh. The gap between the demand and supply of power is increasing. The production of power in existing power plants is declining. Due attention should be paid towards it.
2. Need to discuss the situation emerged in the country by America's decision to include India in the Primary Survillance list under the section 301.

SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR (Bareilly) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) An announcement should be made in public interest for construction of an overbridge at

Chopala Railway Crossing on Bareilly-Badaun railway line (North and North-Eastern Railways) as Uttar Pradesh administration is ready to make contribution of its share.

(2) The Railway department should start proper work in the coach repair factory at Izzatnagar Bareilly of North-Eastern Railways.

DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY (Mandsaur) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) Release of polluted affluents by chemical industries and factories situated at Ratlam, Indore, Vidisha and Shajapur areas of Madhya Pradesh resulting in pollution and environmental problem which in being faced by the people of the adjoining area.

(2) The problem of providing average cost to the opium growers of Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan for heavy loss suffered by them due to untimely rain and disease in the crop.

SHRI RAM TAHAL CHAUDHARY (Ranchi) : Mr. Speaker, Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's list of Business :

(1) The demand for constituting separate state of Vananchal (Jharkhand) presently under Bihar is being made since 1938. This area comprises of 18 district, 1 Legislative Assembly and 14 Lok Sabha seats. The agitation regarding constitution of separate state has been going on continously. This area is predominantly a tribal area and is surrounded by wilderness and mountains. The language and culture of the area is entirely different. The development has been hampered because it has not been made a separate state. It was functioning as a separate administrative unit in the Mughal and British era and that is why the Governor House was situated here. Hence, this area should be given the status of separate state immediately.

(2) The families displaced due to launching of multipurpose Swaran Rekha Project, in West Singhbhoom, Bihar should be given compensations of employment, rehabilitations and medical facilities should be provided to them and incomplete project should be completed without further delay.

[English]

SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY (Chhapra) : Sir, the following items may be included in the next week's agenda :

(1) To discuss the evergrowing corruption in public life as well as of those who are responsible to observe the fundamentals of constitution including judiciary and executives.

(2) To discuss the deteriorating law and order situation in the state of Bihar due to emergence of extremist radical groups, terrorist organisations and ethnic clashes on large scale coupled with evergrowing influence and activity of ISI in the border regions of the State.

11.23 hrs.

RE : ATTEMPT OF SELF-IMMOLATION ON MAY DAY

[Translation]

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA (Pali) : Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, first of May is celebrated throughout the world as Labourers' Day. On this day, it is expected that welfare measures will be announced by the Government for the benefit of labourers. However, I regret to state that when three thousand labourers were proceeding towards the Parliament Street in Delhi on May Day to meet the Prime Minister in order to place their demands before him, they were stopped at the Parliament Street due to which they could not meet the Prime Minister in his office. They were also subjected to police atrocities. Amongst them, there was a labourer by the name of Sarvesh who was on the brink of starvation. He has two children and a wife and he has not been paid any remuneration for last seven months. He wanted to go to the Prime Minister and request him to provide some sort of relief on May Day. He was provided this relief that he was not allowed to meet the Prime Minister. So he ended his life by committing self-immolation at that very spot and thus a labourer was sacrificed in Delhi on May Day which is a matter of shame for all of us.

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER : He is in hospital.

JUSTICE GUMAN MAL LODHA : Sir, my submission is that full details should be given by the Government as to whether such an incident occurred due to negligence of police. Why was that labourer not stopped when he was making an attempt of self-immolation and why was his life not protected ? Besides, it is also most unfortunate that when the women staged demonstration as the issue of reservation, water canons were used by the police on the